

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



Senior Deputy Director  
for Health Care Finance

Medical Assistance Program  
Transmittal No: 03-37

**TO:** All District of Columbia Rehabilitation Center Providers

**FROM:** Wanda R. Tucker  
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**DATE:** SEP - 8 2003

**SUBJECT:** Transition of D.C. Specific Local Codes to HIPAA Compliant Codes

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The Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) is required to achieve compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act's (HIPAA) mandated transaction standards, code sets and identifiers by October 16, 2003.

MAA had devised many local codes for the District's Rehabilitation Center providers to accommodate special needs and circumstances; however, the HIPAA transactions, code sets and identifiers rules do not permit the use of local code values after October 16, 2003. MAA has cross-walked all active local codes currently used by the Rehabilitation Center providers to standard codes.

To assist the Rehabilitation Center providers with the transition to standard codes, MAA has attached an Addendum that provides a crosswalk between the current local codes and standard codes. A copy of the revised Rehabilitation Center Provider billing manual will be provided separately. Additionally, the proposed transition from local codes to standard codes will not change the current reimbursement payment(s) for the Medicaid claims submitted by the Rehabilitation Center providers.

Please note that, effective September 30, 2003 MAA will discontinue the use of current local codes for the Rehabilitation Center providers. Medicaid claims submitted by the Rehabilitation Center providers for services rendered on or after October 1, 2003 should be submitted using only the standard codes.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this transmittal, please call MAA's Fiscal Agent, ACS State Healthcare's Provider Relations Inquiry Desk on (866) 752-9233.

Attachment: Local Code Crosswalk – Rehabilitation Center Providers